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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER99-4166-001]

#### Mid-Continent Area Power Pool; Notice of Filing

November 23, 1999.

Take notice that on November 8, 1999, Mid-Continent Area Power Pool (MAPP), tendered for filing motion to withdraw its filing changes to its Restated Agreement filed with the Commission on August 20, 1999, in the above-referenced docket.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before November 29, 1999. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/>

online/rims.htm (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP99-392-000, CP00-17-000 and CP00-19-000]

#### Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corp., South Carolina Public Service Authority; Notice of Site Visit

November 22, 1999.

On November 30, 1999 through December 3, 1999, the Office of Pipeline Regulation staff and representatives of Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corp. will conduct a site visit of facilities proposed for the SouthCoast Expansion Project in Choctaw, Marengo, Coosa, and Coweta Counties, Alabama and Chilton, Walton, Gwinnett and Henry Counties, Georgia. The staff and representatives of South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper) will also visit Santee Cooper's proposed facilities in Hart County, Georgia and Anderson County, South Carolina.

All interested parties may attend. Those planning to attend must provide their own transportation.

For further information, please contact Paul McKee at (202) 208-1088.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6482-1]

### Review of Environmental Protection Agency Public Participation Policies

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice; request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA Administrator, in EPA Report 100-R-99-006, dated July 1999, entitled "Aiming for Excellence—Actions to Encourage Stewardship and Accelerate Environmental Progress, Report of the EPA Innovations Task Force," pledges the Agency to, "Evaluate and update EPA's public participation requirements. We will assess how well our regulations and

policies ensure public participation in decision making. We will report on what we find and develop an action plan to upgrade requirements and fill gaps." EPA has convened an internal workgroup to conduct a review of EPA public participation regulations and policies in accordance with this pledge.

The workgroup is scheduled to give a report to the Administrator by January 31, 2000, which will contain an inventory of EPA regulations and policies regarding public participation and an initial assessment of how well these regulations and policies ensure public participation in decision making. The report will also contain an action plan to update requirements and fill gaps.

One of the primary policies being reviewed is the Final EPA Policy on Public Participation (**Federal Register**/Vol. 46/no. 12/Monday, January 19, 1981), herein referred to as the 1981 Policy. The statements in the 1981 Policy have been the basis for many of EPA's public participation requirements in the nineteen years since its initial publication.

The workgroup is seeking public comment on two issues at this time:

1. What changes need to be made to the 1981 Policy on Public Participation?

(1a) What is working well, and how does the experience of the past nineteen years suggest the need for improvements in the general procedures for involving the public in EPA programs and decisions?

2. How can we further engage the public in the effort to revise the 1981 Policy and other EPA regulations and policies which may need to be updated in regard to public participation?

(2a) What are the suggested elements of a strategy to further engage the public in updating requirements and filling gaps in EPA's regulations and policies concerning public participation?

Comments received within the 30-day period designated in this notice will be taken under consideration as the workgroup writes the initial report to the Administrator in January 2000. Comments received after the 30-day period will be reviewed as the Agency further develops and implements an action plan to update the 1981 policy and, as necessary, other regulations and policies.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before December 30, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah Dalton at EPA by fax at (202) 260-5478, by email at: [stakeholders@epa.gov](mailto:stakeholders@epa.gov). The 1981 Policy on Public Participation, without the responsiveness summary and preamble,